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## Two Spills in Williams County Reported Over Weekend

BISMARCK, N.D. – On Feb. 16, 2015, Hess Corporation reported two spills in Williams County to the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH). The spills happened on two well sites approximately three miles apart, and both spills occurred because of an opened valve.

The first site is approximately 12 miles northwest of Tioga. About 500 barrels of produced water were spilled and a portion escaped the site and impacted a wetland. Remediation efforts have begun and the company is using vacuum trucks to recover fluid at the site.

The second spill occurred approximately 15 miles northwest of Tioga and involved approximately 460 barrels of produced water. Some of the spilled fluid escaped the site and may be impacting a nearby wetland. The company is evaluating that site.

Personnel from the Department of Mineral Resources, Oil and Gas Division are on site. NDDoH personnel are en route.

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